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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY VI: ASSISTANCE TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA FRONTLINE STATES

SUMMARY: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) HEARD REPORT BY
COMMITTEE OF TEN ON ASSISTANCE TO FRONTLINE STATES AND
COMPLETED AGENDA ITEM WITH LITTLE DEBATE JULY 12. REPORT
DESCRIBED US \$1 MILLION ALREADY DONATED TO BOTSWANA,
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MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA AND CALLED FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE,
INCLUDING \$30 MILLION FOR MILITARY NEEDS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU COMMITTEE OF TEN, TOGOLESE FONMIN
KODJO INTRODUCED COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO COM ON ASSISTANCE
TO BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA AS MANDATED BY 1977
LOBREVILLE COM. OAU SPOKESMAN ONU SAID COMMITTEE WAS

ONLY ABLE TO MAKE "SYMBOLIC" DONATIONS OF US \$500,000 TO MOZAMBIQUE, \$300,000 TO BOTSWANA AND \$200,000 TO ZAMBIA. RECIPIENTS EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR DONATIONS SAYING THEY WERE NOT SYMBOLIC BUT RATHER "VERY SIGNIFICANT" AND EVIDENCE OF OAU DETERMINATION TO ASSIST FRONTLINE STATES.

2. ONU SAID THAT AFTER MILITARY SUB-COMMITTEE HAD ASSESSED THE NEEDS OF THREE FRONTLINE STATES, IT HAD RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. \$30 MILLION WAS REQUIRED. REQUEST FOR THIS SUM HAS BEEN PUT BEFORE AFRO-ARAB COMMITTEE OF 24 AND, ONU ASSERTED IT LIKELY SUM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. THREE STATES HAVE ALSO PRESENTED ECONOMIC PROJECTS TO COMMITTEE OF TEN AND THESE TOO WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR FINANCING.

3. IN ADDITION, THREE STATES HAVE SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR 500,000 TONS OF OIL SUPPLIES ASSISTANCE. ALGERIA HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED A CONTRIBUTION OF 30,000 TONS. KENYA HAS PLEDGED FOOD AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS MILITARY TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL FROM BOTSWANA. LIBYA HAS ALSO STATED IT WILL MAKE CONTRIBUTION, BUT HAS NOT SPECIFIED WHAT IT WILL BE OR IN WHAT QUANTITY.

4. COMMENT: OAU ASSISTANCE TO FRONTLINE STATES IS NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE WHICH RECEIVED JUST ENOUGH ATTENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DEMONSTRATE OAU CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA.
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